



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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**OFFICE OF THE
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR**

The Honorable Mark Kelly
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kelly:

Thank you for your letter of December 5, 2021, requesting for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to consider funding the West Douglas Water and Wastewater Collection Expansion project proposed by the City of Douglas (City).

EPA, the North American Development Bank (NADB), and the City recently celebrated the completion of the Bay Acres Wastewater Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion project, which leveraged a \$7.5 million grant from EPA's Border Water Infrastructure Program (BWIP) with over \$12M in funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA). In addition to expanding the City's overall capacity, the project helped eliminate 96,000 gallons per day of inadequately treated wastewater and provides service to 342 homes previously relying on septic tanks and cesspools.

Pertaining to the proposed West Douglas Water and Wastewater Collection Expansion planning and design project, EPA encourages the City to submit the project through the BWIP competitive process, administered by NADB. The NADB has reached out to the City to discuss possible funding opportunities that include EPA's BWIP and WIFA. EPA looks forward to working with the City to address critical water and wastewater infrastructure needs.

If you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (415) 947-8702 or via email at guzman.martha@epa.gov, or refer your staff to our Congressional Liaison, Sonam Gill, at (415) 972-3380 or via email at gill.sonam@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Martha Guzman
Regional Administrator

cc: Renata Manning-Gbogbo, Grant Financing Department Director, North American Development Bank